


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that no prohibited new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment and that claims 12 to 27 are drawn to the same invention as claims 1-11 of International Application PCT/FR98/02120. The changes to the claims were made to bring the claims into compliance with US rules, such as multiply dependent claims may not depend from multiply dependent claims (see original claims 5-11), the re-phrasing of claim 11 which was drafted as a "use" claim; the re-phrasing of the steps of original method claims 6-11 to use the present tense and the use of established claim terminology such as, "comprising" and "selected from the group consisting of" (see all of the original claims). Also, in consideration of normal usage in US patents, language phrased in the claims of the International Application as optional as been specified (see original claims 6, 7 and 8). The list of "derived" dairy products in original "use" claim 11 is set forth in new claim 27 and is supported by the description in the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 of the specification.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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